

THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent



TRINITY  LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Sunday, December 15, 2024
9:00 am Service

Order of Worship

Prelude

Christmas Selections

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Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, alive in the world, reviving creation,
and arriving soon.

Amen.

God of mercy,

We confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,

We confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,

We confess that we have sinned, and ask your forgiveness. Come to us, bringing your mercy to birth in us.

Amen.

Hear this, people of God: By the grace of Almighty God, you are forgiven. A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Hymn #276

1. Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall,
Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ, the child, is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
2. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new,
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Invocation

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."

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Refrain:

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, every day.

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family.
For life and for love, for our work and our play,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
4. For your Spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the Word,
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*

Prayer of the Day

Spirit of the Lord God,

You bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, and release the prisoners. You comfort all who mourn, and shower your people with the oil of gladness instead of mourning; a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. We will greatly rejoice in the Lord, our whole being shall exult in God, for the sake of the one who brought righteousness to life, Jesus Christ our salvation. Amen.

Anthem

Away in a Manger

Sunday School Choir

Children's Moment and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Song

He Came Down That We May Have Love

Hymn #253

He came down that we may have love,
He came down that we may have love,
He came down that we may have love,
hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have hope...
He came down that we may have peace...
He came down that we may have joy...

Reading

Isaiah 61

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks; foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines, but you shall be called priests of the LORD; you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. Because

their shame was double and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. For I, the LORD, love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my whole being shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

The Word of our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Holly and the Ivy

Sunday School Choir
(Grades 2-5)

Message

Hymn of the Day

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
versus 1, 5, 6, 7

Hymn #257

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home
Make safe the way that leads on high and close the path to misery. (*Refrain*)

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer, O Sun of justice now draw near,
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. (*Refrain*)

O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one,
Refresh the hearts that long for you, restore the broken make us new. (*Refrain*)

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

Congregational Response: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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Offertory Response

Feliz Navidad

Sunday School Choir

Closing Prayer

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, O God. Open our ears to the words of your prophets. Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors. Open our hearts to the presence of your Spirit, that we might serve you with joy as we walk in your path of peace. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

Benediction

May Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Comforter, keep you in God's light,
God's truth, and God's love, now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Hymn #290

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens, there shone a holy light... *(Refrain)*

The shepherds feared and trembled, when, lo, above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth... *(Refrain)*

Down in a lonely manger our humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn... *(Refrain)*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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In Our Prayers this Week:

Elvina Nelson, Don Hendricks, Dick Stadtlander, Leon Fritzke,
John Panzer (brother of Mike Panzer), Lisa Diffley (neice of Liz Hirsch),
Robin Nelson (sister-in-law of Curt & Eileen Nelson), Ned Lindberg (brother of
Tom Lindberg), Dick Erickson, Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson),
our missionary in Papua New Guinea, Rev. Andrew Ronnevik and family

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Announcements

You are invited to enjoy coffee, hot cocoa and refreshments
following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Family Christmas Extravaganza Following worship today, families are invited
to a Christmas Extravaganza Event. Parents, grandparents and children of
all ages are invited to take part in holiday games, crafts and some festive treats.
Meet in Nylunda Chapel at 10:00 am for the family fun!

Midweek Advent Suppers & Worship Wednesdays in Advent
Light Supper from 5:30 - 6:30 pm | Worship at 7:00 pm

Golden Agers / OWLS Advent Lunch Trinity's Golden Agers (members 70+)
and OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) and a guest are invited to enjoy lunch in the
Fellowship Hall on Thursday, December 19 at 11:45 am. Join us for food and
fellowship to celebrate the Christmas season together.

Christmas Eve Worship
Tuesday, December 24 | 2:00 pm & 4:00 pm